



# CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE UPDATE

## **UPDATE ON SEWER MAIN REPAIRS AND RESTORATION ACTIVITIES IN FORT LAUDERDALE December 31, Noon**

Following is an update on sewer main repairs and restoration work on NE 36 Street east of Bayview Drive in Coral Ridge Country Club Estates, NE 5 Street in Victoria Park, SE 10 Street along the north side of Virginia Young Park in Rio Vista, the Hector Park area along Ponce de Leon Drive in Rio Vista, and the Himmarshee Canal in Beverly Heights.

### **NE 36 Street East of Bayview Drive in Coral Ridge Country Club Estates**

- Pump stations servicing the 12-inch damaged sewer line were shut off last night and the flow out of the pipe was stopped.
- Crews are on site today working to replace the damaged section of pipe and restore the roadway.

### **NE 5 Street and NE 16 Avenue in Victoria Park**

- Crews are on site today performing repairs to a 16-inch sewer pipe on NE 5 Street in the vicinity of NE 16 Avenue in the Victoria Park neighborhood.
- Work today will focus on installing between 20 to 40 feet of new pipe. The line is expected to be back in service later today.
- Crews from Cliff Berry, Inc. (CBI) will continue to conduct cleaning and pressure washing activities in the affected area.

### **Operations in Virginia Young Park**

- Water barricades are being placed around the bypass pipe as an added measure of safety and protection.
- Work continues on demobilization of equipment and site restoration.
- Crews from Cliff Berry, Inc. (CBI) will conduct remediation activities including cleaning and pressure washing streets, sidewalks, and driveways in the affected area.
- Virginia Young Park remains closed while restoration activities are taking place.
- Neighbors are reminded that the area in and around Virginia Young Park is an active construction zone and access is restricted to appropriate operational and management personnel.

### **Operations in the Himmarshee Canal**

- Aerators will continue to operate in the Himmarshee Canal to help improve water quality.
- The Himmarshee Canal from S. Federal Highway to the New River remains under a precautionary advisory for recreational water-related activities. Swimming, fishing, jet-skiing, paddle-boarding, kayaking, canoeing, or engaging in any water-related activities within the precautionary advisory area should be avoided.
- To view a map of the precautionary advisory area, please visit <http://bit.ly/35l0DuC>.

## **Cleanup and Remediation of Ponce de Leon Drive/Hector Park Area**

- Crews from Cliff Berry, Inc. (CBI) will conduct cleanup, pressure washing, and deodorizing activities where needed on Ponce de Leon Drive, SE 11 Street, and in areas around Hector Park.
- Hector Park remains closed to the public while restoration and remediation work continues.

## **Environmental Activities**

- Crews from GHD, an environmental services company, will be on site in the Rio Vista neighborhood today conducting additional air quality testing.
- Water sampling continues to be conducted daily at 16 points in the Tarpon River and New River. Water samples taken on December 29, showed 13 of the 16 samples with passing results. The three sampling points that did not pass are located at (1) 1111 Ponce de Leon Drive; (2) NW 18 Avenue and 2 Street; and (3) 1124 S. Rio Vista Drive. To view a map of the water sampling locations and complete test results, visit <http://bit.ly/2SHNN5V>.
- Water sampling also continues to be conducted at 3 points in the Himmarshee Canal at (1) SE 2 Street and SE 9 Avenue; (2) SE 2 Street and SE 10 Avenue; and (3) SE 2 Street and SE 8 Avenue. Water samples taken on December 29 showed none of the three samples with passing results, however, all three tests showed a significant decline in the levels of bacteria detected. To view a map of the water sampling locations and complete test results, visit <http://bit.ly/2SHNN5V>.
- Aerators have been repositioned to locations in the Tarpon River, New River, and Himmarshee Canal that are not producing passing water quality results.
- Skimming and debris removal will continue where needed on the waterways and canals in the affected areas.

## **Precautionary Advisory for Water-Related Recreational Activities**

- A precautionary advisory for recreational activities in local waterways remains in effect.
- The boundaries are Broward Boulevard to the north, Poinciana Drive to the east, SE 15 Street to the south, and SW 18 Avenue to the west. Water-related activities including swimming, fishing, jet-skiing, paddle-boarding, kayaking, and canoeing should be avoided within these boundaries.
- To view a map of the precautionary advisory for water-related recreational activities, please visit <http://bit.ly/35l0DuC>.

## **Road Closures in Rio Vista**

- Roads in the immediate vicinity of Virginia Young Park remain closed including portions of SE 10 Street and South Rio Vista Boulevard east of SE 9 Avenue, as well as SE 9 Avenue from south of the intersection at SE 8 Street to Ponce de Leon Drive.
- There is no access east of SE 9 Avenue at the intersections of SE 9 Street, SE 10 Street, South Rio Vista Boulevard, and the north side of Ponce de Leon Drive.
- To view a map of the road closures, please visit <http://bit.ly/34W91Q6>.

## **Safety Tips**

- Neighbors in the affected areas are reminded to avoid contact with any standing water.
- If contact is made, please remember to follow proper hygiene procedures. Wash your hands with soap and warm water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer immediately after contact with wastewater, especially before preparing or eating food.

-Be sure to keep all children and pets away from any area affected by the wastewater spill that has not been remediated.

-Keep a container or spray bottle outside residential entryways with a 90/10 solution (90% water to 10% household bleach) to clean shoes and other items that may have come into contact with wastewater.

-To view a safety tips flyer, please visit <http://bit.ly/2sUvr73>.

### **For More Information**

Neighbors are encouraged to stay up to date by visiting the City's website at [www.fortlauderdale.gov](http://www.fortlauderdale.gov) or following the City on social media at:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/CityofFortLauderdale/>

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Neighbors may also call the City's 24-hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000.

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